

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, page 4, paragraph 1 beginning “The pre-formed tooth insert” as follows:

The pre-formed tooth insert according to the present invention is made of any suitable material that can give strong long-lasting inserts and which material is biologically inert, such as preferably ceramic ~~ceramic~~ materials, e.g., porcelain, or mixtures of compressed composites and preheated filling materials or other types of plastic character filling material. The insert may essentially have any desired shape, however, the invention in its presently preferred embodiment is particularly useful for proximal inserts, for reasons discussed above..

Please amend the specification, page 7, paragraph 2 beginning “As shown in Figure 1” as follows:

As shown in Figure 1, the insert has in one embodiment two bottom surfaces (7, 11), a proximal (or facial/lingual) front bottom surface (11) and a higher central bottom surface (7), such that less healthy tooth tissue needs to be removed if the decay is mostly close to the outer surface of the tooth. A proximal rear surface (9) lies between the two bottom surfaces. The insert may however, also have a single bottom surface, this would in particular apply to smaller inserts to maintain sufficient strength of the insert. The central portion (6) of the insert gives the insert added strength and support in the tooth.